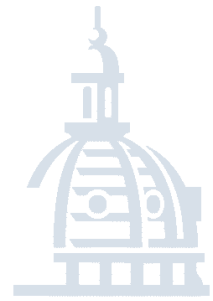


Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



HF 2373 – Intimidation With a Dangerous Weapon (LSB 5216HV)
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Description

House File 2373 modifies the elements to prove a Class D felony offense of intimidation with a dangerous weapon by adding “recklessly” to the offense.

Background

Correctional and Fiscal Information

- In FY 2009 there were 14 offenders convicted of intimidation with a weapon for either the C or D felony.
- The marginal cost per day for prison is \$18.29 per offender.
- The average cost per day for probation is \$3.64 per offender.

Minority Data Information

- For FY 2009 convictions, there were 10 offenders where race was known, and 40.0% were black.
- The U.S. Census estimate for Iowa was 3.0 million people as of July 1, 2008 (the most current estimates available). Men comprise 49.3% of the population. Approximately 92.0% of Iowa's population is white. The composition of the remaining 8.0% is: 3.2% black, 0.3% American Indian or Alaska Native; 1.7% Asian; and 2.8% is of two or more races or unknown.
- Iowa's prison population was 8,454 offenders on June 30, 2009. Men comprise 92.1% of the population. According to the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division (CJJPD) of the Department of Human Rights, the racial composition of the prison system was: 71.4% white; 25.8% black; 0.9% Asian or Pacific Islander; and 1.9% American Indian or Alaska Native. Included in these racial groups were 6.7% that identified themselves as Hispanic (nearly all of these identified themselves racially as being white).
- According to the CJJPD, on June 30, 2009, approximately 7.9% of the offenders in prison were women and 26.5% of offenders under supervision in Community-Based Corrections (CBC) were women. Approximately 21.9% of the total offender population under correctional supervision was women.

Assumptions

Correctional and Fiscal Information: The correctional and fiscal impact is not anticipated to be significant.

Minority Data Information: Approximately 14.0% of Iowa's population has at least one disability. The number of disabled offenders convicted under this Bill may be 14.0%.

Summary of Impacts

Correctional Impact: The correctional impact is not anticipated to be significant.

Minority Impact: To the extent this Bill results in fewer sentences to prison, there may be a slight reduction in minority confinement. That reduction is not anticipated to be significant.

Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact is not anticipated to be significant.

Sources

Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division
Department of Corrections

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the correctional and minority impact statements were prepared pursuant to [Section 2.56, Code of Iowa](#). Data used in developing this fiscal note, including correctional and minority impact information, is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
